

Iron County Register.

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The Democratic Congressional Convention for the First District has been called to meet at De Soto on the 10th of August.

Two hundred and fifty followers of the "plumed knight" of Maine went to Chicago last Monday. A sufficient number to kick up a big fuss, but not to avert the disaster which is sure to come to him. "Crooked whiskey" has laid out many a better man.

Col. Ethan Allen, who is engaged in getting the names of Republicans signed to a declaration that the signers will not vote for Grant if he is nominated, has thus far procured 450 signatures in New York city alone. He expects to swell the number to 5000 in a few days. The Tribune admits that a similar percentage of Republican defection throughout the State would throw it hopelessly into the hands of the Democrats. This prospect, however does not frighten the Grant managers.

Iron county sends an untroubled delegation to the Congressional convention. It is claimed that the delegation is equally divided between Ward and Davis.—Benton Record.

Now, don't hug any such delusion to your confiding bosoms, ye unsophisticated Wardites. Iron county is for Lowmes H. Davis, and has chosen delegates to so represent her in the convention. So palpable is the sentiment of the people for Mr. D., that instructions would have evinced a want of faith in the discernment and integrity of the delegates; and faithfully will this sentiment be given voice to by them.

The New York Herald, which started the cry of Caesarism four years ago, and which has steadily opposed the nomination of Grant and denied the possibility of his securing a majority at Chicago, goes so far now as to salute him as "our next President." The Philadelphia Times, which has insisted that Grant would be beaten in the Republican convention, also announces a change of view on this question, and expresses a belief that the new Grant boom has just been started and will give Ulysses the Republican nomination for President on the first ballot.

The white Republicans of Georgia, who recently seceded from the negro wing of the party, have issued a call for a convention to nominate Presidential electors. The address calls upon all white Republicans and others opposed to the present Democratic State government to join the movement. This is supposed to be a bid for the Independent vote. As the Independents would have nothing to gain and much to lose by uniting with the handful of white Republicans of Georgia, for the most part men with unsavory records, there is little probability that the invitation will be accepted.

In the official proceedings of the Democratic mass meeting in Pemiscot county, duly signed by the chairman and secretary, we find the following paragraph:

"On motion, B. F. Barcroft and Will J. Hudson were elected delegates to represent Pemiscot county in the Congressional convention of the 4th district of Missouri, and said delegates were instructed to cast the entire vote of this county for the Hon. L. H. Davis for Congress."

We call attention to this merely to show the fallacy of the question raised by the Ward men—that as Mr. Barcroft was opposed to Mr. Davis that he would necessarily bolt the instructions and betray the people of his county. Four years ago the same charge was made against Mr. Barcroft, and he manfully refuted it by both word and action. He will do the same in the next convention.—Poplar Bluff Citizen.

The Republican Convention is in session at Chicago, and will probably not get through before Friday. Be that as it may, Grant will come out ahead, and in spite of all the filibustering promised by the opposition, will be nominated on the first ballot. If, in the face of such a nomination, the Democracy fails to elect its candidate it ought to go into bankruptcy, and turn the business over to those who can do better. A third term means IMPERIALISM, and if the American people are so besotted as to voluntarily place its collar upon their necks, there is no room within this broad realm for so old-fashioned an institution as the Democratic party, and it ought to get out of the way of the new order of things.

Sehurs is said to be more bitter against Grant than ever. When questioned, the other day, on the feeling entertained by the administration toward the ex-President, he declared his belief that Hayes was friendly and more than friendly towards Ulysses, and that he would work more heartily for him, if he were nominated, than for Sherman, if he were in the field. It is said that if Grant is nominated Sehurs will resign his seat in the Cabinet to take the stump against him. On the other hand, it is said that the Grant men will call on Hayes to bounce Sehurs in the event of Grant's nomination on the ground that the continuance in the Cabinet of a man known to be bitterly hostile to the Republican candidate for the Presidency would be prejudicial and injurious to the Republican cause.

MISSOURI'S WONDER LAND.

The Civil Engineer Taken to the Iron Mountain and Pilot Knob.

A Magnificent View of Arcadia Valley From a Mountain Summit.

The Glass Works at Crystal City.

[St. Louis Times, May 29th.]

The civil engineers spent yesterday the third day of their twelfth annual convention, in an excursion down the Iron Mountain road, whose authorities had placed a special train at their disposal for the trip, which started from the Levee and Washington Avenue at 7:30 o'clock in the morning, having on board almost every member of the society in the city, a number of the professors from Washington University, in which number were Professor W. B. Potter, Charles White, S. Waterhouse, Halsey C. Ives and Charles Smith; a party of twenty-five or thirty ladies and several prominent gentlemen of the city, among them Hon. Albert Todd, C. P. Chouteau and others. On the special committee of arrangements for the day were Messrs. E. D. Meier, A. W. Soper, L. M. Johnson, W. P. Shinn and J. H. Morley.

A SPEEDY RUN.

At starting the clouds gave promise of a rainy day, and it was anticipated that the pleasure of the excursion would be spoiled, but the whole of the shower concentrated itself into the time occupied in the transit from St. Louis to Iron Mountain, the first stopping place, so that it gave no inconvenience. The train being a special one ran at a special rate of speed and made few halts, but swept through the beautiful country between the city and the Iron Mountain with windows down and the rain beating against them, the excursionists being thus debarred from seeing much which was interesting along the route. A few miles on the other side of DeSoto, they caught sight of a picnic party huddled together under umbrellas, their drenched garments clinging to them and making them look supremely miserable and ridiculous.

IRON MOUNTAIN.

At 1:45 o'clock Iron Mountain was reached and the coaches deserted for over an hour, which time was spent in the inspection of the mines, Mr. C. P. Chouteau acting as guide. The rain had driven the miners from their work, and of the 450 men whose labors usually give the mountain something of the appearance of a beehive, not more than twenty were to be seen, who were engaged in preparing for a blast and in the removing of the loose earth and pebbles on the surface by hydraulic power, the water for this purpose being furnished from the reservoir in Miller mountain. The shortness of the stay precluded the possibility of visiting either this or the water works, and after taking a cursory view of the mines, the party returned to the train, which conveyed them to Arcadia for dinner, the discussion of which occupied them for an hour. The repast was served in the hotel dining-rooms by Mr. A. Robertson, and in the words used by Vice-President W. P. Shinn, in returning thanks in behalf of the society was "good—not too good, but just good enough." Before leaving to table, a vote of thanks was tendered the Iron Mountain railroad company.

At Iron Mountain, the party had reached the mud rather disagreeable, but the ground had not dried before they reached Pilot Knob and at that place there was nothing to detract from the pleasure.

At the foot of the Knob the party divided itself, the athletic ones among the gentlemen and the more romantic among the ladies preferring to make the ascent on foot to the prosy methods of being hauled up on an incline on a truck or riding up in spring wagon. Before reaching the top, however, they found that the Knob was not high or steep enough to be romantic, and was just high enough to be extremely tiresome.

Through the various methods of walking, riding and being hauled up in the trucks, the party reached the Pilot Knob iron mine almost at the top. Here Prof. Potter showed himself a valuable member of the party, being thoroughly acquainted with the whole of the mines and the manner of working them.

IN THE MINES.

The party entered the tunnel in the side of the mountain, guided only by the light of the miners' lamps, which twinkled far in the interior, as the headlights with which it had been intended to illuminate the interior did not arrive. Going through both "rooms," they came again to daylight, and those whose ardor had not been too much damped by the climb set out on a scramble over loose iron ore and ferruginous rocks for the summit. The wild Kentucky roses were in bloom all among the undergrowth, and the ladies gathered these while the scientific climbers gathered "specimens," most of which they found too heavy before coming to the top and threw away.

Although Pilot Knob is only 600 feet high from base to summit, yet the view which is commanded on reaching the mass of ore which forms its highest point, is one of extreme beauty. Below lies

ARCADIA VALLEY.

fenced in by the "everlasting hills," which surround it. Along the track of the Iron Mountain railroad, which traverses it, could be seen the white frame houses of the villages of Pilot Knob, Ironton and Arcadia. The Valley with the villages scattered over it, bears from the top of the Knob a striking resemblance to a chess board with the pieces scattered in a half-played game. Just over the other side, hardly more than a stone's throw seemingly is Shepherd mountain, turning at right angles from which the spectator sees Cedar mountain and the spurs of the Ozark range undignified with names, stretching to the horizon. Between their tops to the east, a glimpse is caught of the church spires of Fredericktown, twenty-nine miles away, and turning to the north there is another valley, as beautiful although not as thickly settled as the one on the south.

A REMINISCENCE OF WAR TIMES.

During the half-hour's stay at the top, a Boston man caught sight of the long disused earth-works visible to the west of Ironton, and took occasion to smile at their clumsy obstruction. He wished to know their history, and a gentleman who "has been there of late," not liking to have even the old forts in Missouri smiled at, and wishing to oblige the Eastern man, recounted how they had been built to command the pass and keep out mounted guerrillas; also how, in '62, Thos. C. Fletcher was on the inside of the works and Price sent Dave Murphy with the artillery—a single gun—up the side of Shepherd Mountain, to "make it hot for the Yankees," and how Dave Murphy turned the artillery over, and the siege had to be raised.

The Eastern man was interested in the story and his respect for the fort was evidently much increased thereby.

In the descent the Pilot Knob mines were again inspected, the engineers giving them the palm over the Iron Mountain in the facilities for obtaining and removing the ore.

Leaving Pilot Knob the train stopped at Crystal City Junction, where the coaches were transferred to the comparatively new Crystal City railroad track, the engine taking them to the village one at a time. Arriving, they were shown through the Crystal Glass Works by Geo. F. Neal, the general manager, and Mr. E. T. Allen, secretary of the company, who accompanied the excursion. These glass works are one of the most important industries of the State, having a capital stock of \$600,000. They are the only plate glass works at present in operation in the United States. The excursionists saw the whole process, from the first mixing of the sand and soda to the cutting of the finished plates.

THE POLISHING ROOMS were found most interesting and here they lingered the longest, gathering many facts and asking questions of the workmen who, being of various nationalities, did not always return intelligible answers. The conversation which a Chicago engineer who spoke no Spanish attempted to carry on with a Mexican who was innocent of English furnished considerable amusement to the bystanders, and finally the other workmen, one of whom last interpreted that the "no sabe" which the Mexican returned to his queries did not mean any particular kind of polishing powder. The tour of the extensive works being completed, such of the party as were not contented with the lemonade furnished them freely, made little private excursions from which they all returned looking disappointed.

The nearest beer was a mile and a half away, as Crystal City is run on the temperance plan, the company owning all the ground and thus being able to keep away the noxious liquid. The excursionists arrived in Crystal City at 4:30 o'clock, left it at 7, and got off the train at Washington Avenue and the Levee at twenty-five minutes of 10.

From Des Arc.

DES ARC, MO., May 29th, 1880.

Ed. Register—

As Uncle Isaac had to be away for a short time he could not attend the Ironton convention.

They say we are to have a primary election. This primary election business is a bumbum, and I hope the Democrats of this county will discontinue it. Let every man stand on his own bottom; let every man run that wants to. Then you can get your state ticket among the Democrats, and I must say to you: Did you part with noble band; outnumbered, yet brave and true you stood determined to fight for the man that promised to do you so much good.

Our friend, Wm. Fletcher, has been sojourning at Isaacville and Des Arc for several days, and is well and happy as usual. He had better be at work. Buford has not shown himself here yet. I hear that he started down here last week and got as far as Arcadia and found so many Fletcher men that he left, following, like the Irishman at a camp-meeting, "Good God, good God!" Don't be afraid, friend Buford; you have some good workers here, and will have a show.

Mr. Buford had a good worker (a big gun) here yesterday. As there were a good many in town, he fired some heavy shots among the Democrats. Your correspondent, being a spectator at a long range, was amused to see them dodge the shells.

My friend Fletcher attended our Sunday-school here. I was surprised to see him. Glad to see him. Better to be at a Sunday-school than in a saloon, although I don't accuse you of visiting saloons, for I have not seen you lately.

Thos. Fitz and family returned last Thursday from a visit to St. Louis and Crystal City.

There is some sickness here now. Mostly measles. Drs. Miner and Clark-on are attending.

Walter Hunt has brought up from the swampy gulch, a fine lot of paint put in his house, which improves the looks very much. Doc Miner liked the looks of the paint so well that he tried a little of it on his coat.

I will close. Excuse nonsense.

UNCLE ISAAC.

Arresting a Sober (!) Man.

Ed. Register—

I notice, in your last week's issue, an article from a Pilot Knob correspondent. In that article are reflections upon my character as an officer; and I think such insinuations, based upon rumor, should be noticed and condemned.

In the correspondence referred to is the following:

"Rumor says that our marshal arrested a sober, peaceable man, took him to Ironton, fined him four dollars and a half, put him in jail over night, and took eight or nine dollars to get him out next morning. The fact is that a little discretion should be used in such matters, or we won't know who is safe. It isn't good policy to arrest men just to keep one's hand in, or for the fee there is in it."

Now, Mr. Editor, I declare this to be a mean, base, contemptible lie. The man arrested by me was not sober or peaceable; and to further show the falsity of the article, will state that the man pleaded guilty to the charge. If he had been innocent and sober he would not have pleaded guilty.

If a "sober, peaceable man" should be arrested, it would certainly be wrong, and should be condemned by all honest men. But even then I would consider it no worse than willfully and maliciously attacking a man's character and stating in the article itself that the charge is based upon rumor.

"Good name in man and woman, dear my lord, is the immediate jewel of their souls; that away, man is but gilded loam, or painted clay."

I think "Werner," who is the correspondent referred to, might better employ his time in looking after his own affairs. I would be pleased to see him sign his name to the next article, as I like to meet my accusers face to face.

I have heard it said that slanderers and liars are cowards, and since the publication of the correspondence referred to am not prepared to deny the assertion.

I will sign my name in full to enable "Werner" to find me if he should so desire.

A. J. WALK, Town Clerk of Pilot Knob.

Young men, get your shoes at Lopez's. Ten dozen low-quartered, box-toes and warranted solid leather, at \$1.75 a pair.

VEGETABLES.—If you want Tomato, Cabbage, or Sweet-Potato Plants, call on Jno. Newman, Ironton, Mo. He will furnish them to you at reasonable rates.

FOR RENT.

The Bellevue Steam Grist - Mill

and Carding-Machine will be rented to the highest and best bidder on the first day of July, 1880. Private bids will be received, which must be sent to W. H. Buford, Bellevue, Iron county, Mo., on or before the first day of July, 1880. Also, a dwelling house will go with mill. Mill has two run of burrs, is now in running order. Renter will be held responsible to keep all repairs up, and will be required to take all risk of fire, but will not be held responsible in case of fire by lightning or explosion of boiler. Persons desiring to rent may come and examine the mill, or apply to W. H. Buford for further particulars.

Something New!

Jos. A. Hughes

HAS OPENED A

FRUIT AND NOTION STORE,

ON MAIN STREET,

(Opposite John Moore's Store),

Where a general assortment of

Green and Canned Fruits

Can always be found.

Also, Oysters, Crackers, Sardines, Salmon, Lobsters, and almost everything else in that line and will be sold at as low prices as can be found anywhere in the market.

CALL AND SEE.

JOS. A. HUGHES.

Ironton, Mo., April 5th.

BRUNE & TRAVERNIGHT,

Merchant Tailors

AND DEALERS IN

Ready-Made Clothing,

Hats, Caps Furnishing Goods,

ETC., ETC.,

Near the Depot,

MIDDLEBROOK, MISSOURI.

Order of Publication.

In the Circuit Court of Iron county, Mo., in vacation—May 8th, 1880: The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of James Buford, collector of the revenue of Iron county, Mo., against

Erastus Barnes and John Hines and all unknown interested parties.

[Action to Enforce Payment of Taxes.]

Now at this day comes the plaintiff, James Buford, collector of the revenue of Iron county, Missouri, and files his petition and affidavit, setting forth, among other things, that the defendants are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law; it is, therefore, ordered by the clerk of the circuit court of Iron county, Mo., in vacation, that publication be made, notifying said defendants, that an action has been commenced against them in the circuit court of said county, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri for back taxes for the years 1867, 1868, 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878 on the following real estate, situated in Iron county, Missouri, belonging to said defendants, to wit:

The south half of the northwest quarter and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 22, in township 35, north, range 2 west;

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amounts of taxes now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$22.02 is filed with said petition, as provided by law.)

And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held for the county of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse, in said county, on the 4th Monday in October, next, 1880, and on or before the sixth day thereof, (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Iron County Register, a weekly newspaper published in said county of Iron, and State of Missouri, for the years 1868 to 1878, inclusive, on the following real estate, situated in Iron county, Mo., belonging to said defendants, to wit:

The west half of the northeast quarter of section 34, in township 34, range 2 west;

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amounts of taxes, interest and costs now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$4.28 is filed with said petition, as provided by law.)

And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court, to be held for the county of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse, in said county, on the 4th Monday in October, next, 1880, and on or before the sixth day thereof, (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

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The south half of the southwest quarter of section 34, in township 34, range 2 east;

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amounts of taxes now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$25.75 is filed with said petition, as provided by law.)

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The south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of section 17, in township 31, range 4 east;

(An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amounts of taxes now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$33.07 is filed with said petition, as provided by law.)

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